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Load reduction ceremony between Clark Public Utilities and BPA

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Vancouver, Wash. – BPA and Clark Public Utilities will conduct a signing ceremony at Clark's headquarters in Vancouver, Wash.

What: On April 9, BPA announced that the region's federal electricity system is headed for wholesale rate increases of 250 percent or more beginning October 1 unless customers – the region's retail utilities and large industries – make commitments to reduce energy use within the next 60 days. BPA said that it is about 2,500 average megawatts short of meeting all the demand of its customers on October 1 when new power sales contracts take effect. This is the first agreement with a public utility.

Who: Wayne Nelson, CEO/general manager of Clark Public Utilities, and

Paul Norman, senior vice president of BPA's Power Business Line.

When: Friday, May 25, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Clark Public Utilities, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, Wash, (360) 992-3000.

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